

15. A method as recited in claim 13 wherein both the third plurality of preselected bits in the received CRC and the fourth plurality of preselected bits in the fourth plurality of preselected bits have the same bit positions.

16. A method as recited in claim 8 wherein the payload segment contains 47 bits of non-overhead data bits including sequence number and ONID value.

17. A method as recited in claim 8 wherein the first CRC and the received CRC have 30 bits wherein the 30 bits includes a CRC value for a sequence number.

#### REMARKS

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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